THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has a scheme to issue Agmark Quality Atta to food card holder through the Fair Price Shops in Delhi. The Scheme has been welcomed by and large by the people and is being continued.

कोयला उपभोक्ताओं के हित

3513. डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन : क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 23 मई, 1993 के इकोनामिक टाइम्स में "स्माल इंडस्ट्रीज गो इन फार इल्लीगल कोल" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि सरकार का कोयला उद्योग और रेलवे पर एकाधिकार होने के कारण लघु औद्योगिक एककों जैसे कोयला उपभोक्ताओं के हितों की उपेक्षा हो रही है ;

यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि रेल वैगनों में कोयले की लदाई करते वक्त और कोयले के डिलीवरी देते वक्त दोनों ही बार कोयले का वजन करने की उनकी मांग अस्वीकृत कर दी गई है,

(घ) क्या उपभोक्ताओं की इस मांग पर सरकार द्वारा विचार किया गया है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(च) क्या सरकार संबंधित विभागों से संपर्क कर उपभोक्ताओं को संरक्षण प्रदान करने के लिये कोई कार्यवाही करेगी, और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद): (क) से (च) नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय इस विषय से संबंध नहीं रखता है । इस विषय का संबंध कोयला मंत्रालय, रेल मंत्रालय तथा अन्य संबंधित मंत्रालयों से है ।

Cases filed under Consumer Protection Act in Uttar Praesh

3514. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases/complaints filed under Consumer Protection Act in Uttar Pradesh during 1992-93;

(b) how many cases were decided; and

(c) in how many cases, relief was granted to the consumers during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The infomration is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Nomination of non-officials to the Advisory Committee

3515. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMERS AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of all the Advisory bodies, Committees and fora where non-officials are nominated;

(b) the names of above bodies which have to be filled up; and

(c) what steps are being taken to involve and nominate effective people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) (1) The Advisory Committee on Public Distribution System.

(2) Central Consumer Protection Council.

3. Managing Committee of Super Bazar.

(4) Board of Diectors of Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation.

(5) Advisory Committees attached to the Bureau of Indian Standards, namely—

(i) Financial Committee

(ii) Certification Advisory Committee

(iii) Standadrs Advisory Committee

(iv) Laboratory Advisory Committee

(v) Planning and Development Advisory Committee

(vi) Legal Advisory Committee.

(b) and (c) The Bureau of Indian Standards has been reconstituted only in July, 1993. Members of all the Advisory Committees are taken from the Members of the Bureau.

Although there is a provision of nominating non-official Director on the Board of Directors of Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation, Governl ment has decided not to nominate any non-official Member on the Board for the present.

Opposition of Delhi Medical Association against appliction of Consumer Protection Act, 1986

3516. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Medical Associaion has threatened to launch an agitation against application of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 to medical professionals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) As per news item appearing in the The Hindustan Times dated 8-8-93, private medical practioners observed a protect day on 7.7.1993 under the common banner of Delhi Medical Association against the Government's decision of bringing the medical profession under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. As per another news item appearing in The Hindustan Times dated 18.8.-993, the Indian Medical Association has given a one-day country wide strike call on September 17 demanding that the Consumer Protection Act in the present from should not be made applicable to the medical profession.

(c) As per the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, all services which are hired for a consideration, are covered under the said Act. The National Consumer Disputes Redressal, Commission, the apex court set up under the Consumer Protection Act, has also held